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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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DRESS FOR CEREMONIAL OCCASIO

I *646 Q: BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: Will the Hon. th Premier be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government intend to prescribe any particular dress for ceremonial occassions for officials and non-officials; and

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, the nature of the dress that is to be prescribed?

THE HON.SRI O.P.RAMASWAMY REDDIYAR: (a) There is no such proposal with the Government.
(b) The question does not arise.

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:- "shall I speak in Hindustan? No, I shall put the question in English.

"In view of the fact that other countries, both Oriental and Occidental, have prescribed a particular dress for ceremonial occassions as uniformity in attire imparts impressiveness and dignity to such occassions, may I know the reason why his Government do not intend to fall in line with the practice in vogue in other countries in regard to this matter?".

THE HON. SRI O.P. RAMASWAMY REDDIYAR: Such Suggestions have not been by any body. If made, the suggestions will be examined.

SRI B.S.MURTHI:- "Is the Hon.Premier aware that the present ceremonial dress is one which England has brought into existence to insult the self-respect of Indians, and if so, is it necessary continue the same ceremonial dress after the advent of Dominion Status to India"?.

THE HON.SRI O.P. RAMASWAMY REDDIYAR:- "we need not follow them".

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLY :-"Will you please arrange for a translation of the Hon.Premier's answers, Sir?".

MR.SPEAKER:- "No, it is not possible".

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:-"Is it not a fact that a particular dress is prescribed for ceremonial occasions not merely in British and other western countries, but even in Oriental countreis like Turkey, Iran and Egypt and even in Indian States like Mysore?"

MR.SPEAKER:-"The hon.Member is repeating the question".

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:-"I am asking a fresh question,Sir, In view of the common practice in vogue in most countries may I enquire whether this Government will consider the desirability of prescribing for men the type of dress that is worn usually by the Hon.Prime Minister of India and sometimes by the Hon.Finance Minister of this Province - I am referring to the Hon.Mr. Gopala Reddi.

MR.SPEAKER:-"The Hon.Member is making a speech".

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:-2 "I mean the long Indian coat - not the one that he is wearing now-and may I know whether the Government will consider the desirability of prescribing this dress for the men for ceremonial occasions"?.

THE HON.SRI O.P. RAMASWAMY REDDIYAR:-"If a suggestion is made it will be considered".

THE HON.SRI O.P.

SRI M. BAPINEEDU:- "Are you prepared to give special dress atleast to the Speaker"?

THE HON. SRI O.P.RAMASWAMY REDDIYAR:- Please addressm the question to him.

SRI L.S. KARAYALAR:- "In vew of the answer of the Hon.Premier may I ask whether the Hon.Speaker would like to have ceremonial dress"?.

MR. SPEAKER:-"Usually questions like that are not put to the Speaker but to the Government and they should answer. The hon. Member cannot expect an answer from the Speaker".

SRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN:-"Does the Hon.Premier know that the ceremonial dress was insisted upon by Maharajas even before the British came into India, and even today in the State of Mysore and in some other states this ceremonial dress is being insisted on?".

THE HON. SRI. O.P. RAMASWAMY REDDIAR:- "We wear the dress we like. The question does not arise".

SHE B.S. MURTHI:- "Will the Government consider the desirability of at least insisting on the wearing of Gandhi cap on ceremonial occassions?".

THE HON.SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR:- "When the questions is examined, all these xxx will be xxxxxxx considered".

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The M.S.G's reply to the u.o.note on page ante has not yet been received. The M.S.G. may be reminded and the Secretariat of the Madras Legislature may be asked to move the Hon'ble Speaker to grant time till 15-12-1947. Drafts are submitted for approval.

Sd...3/12/1947.

The following are the regulations and orders concerning the dress to be worn by officials and non-officials:-

(i) Rules regarding the use of uniforms by officers in Civil employ.

(ii) Rules regarding the use of dress to be worn by the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Judges of the Federal Court of India and Provincial High Courts.

(iii) Rules regarding the use of dress to be worn by non-official Indian Gentleman when attending ceremonial functions at Government House, Madras.

(iv) Rules regarding the dress to be worn by officers attending evening functions at Government Houses at Madras and Ooty.

(v) Rules regarding the dress to be worn outside the Government. House which the His Excellency the Governor attends officially.

(vi) Rules relating to Police uniforms.

(vii) Rules relating to the dress to be worn by Military Officers.

Rules are issued from time to time by the Governor-General-in-Council with regard to items (i) and (ii) and by His Excellency the Governor of Madras with reference to items (iii) to (v). This department is concerned with the above items. Item (vi) relates to Home Department. Item (vii) does not concern this Government. Besides these there are sets of rules for His Excellency the Governor's Body Guard etc.

The M.S.G. to whom the question was referred has stated in reply that it does not relate to the dress in any of the five cateogries concerning this Department. There is no further information in this Department.

The answer to the question may be as follows:-

A | (a) There is no such proposal with the Government
(b) The question does not arise.

The file may be circulated to Hon'ble Minister, Premier for approval of the draft answer above. His Excellency also wanted the file to be circulated to him.

Sd..5/12/47.

The answer may be as at A above.

The file may now be sent to the P.S.G. for perusal by His Excellency. A clear copy of the draft question and answer is put up below.

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H.E. PP.S.G. H.E.has seen, thanks.
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Fair copies of the [illegible] file may now be sent to the P.A. to the Hon.Premier for the Premier's reference while answering the [illegible] Assembly.

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The question has been [illegible] of the printed proceedings [illegible].

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The Legislative [illegible] Hon'ble Premier on 19-1-[illegible] as on pp 15-17 of. No [illegible] May be recorded in the [illegible]

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